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Dr. H. V. HANDE : Apart from wives and children, I find a number of other relations, sons-in-law, sisters-in-law, and brothers-in-law and all sorts of relations get these plots and later on they transfer them to some other person. What measures do the Government propose to take to prevent this type of malpractice? That is my question, Sir.

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I do not think it is a malpractice if a son-in-law or a brother-in-law who has no House but is eligible for a plot under the other rules gets it. Because his wife is related to another person, or he is married to somebody else's sister, he should not be deprived of purchasing a plot. The rule in all cases is to see whether the person has a house or land or site of his own. If he has, he is not eligible. If he does not have, then he becomes eligible.

Dr. H. V. HANDE : Is it not necessary according to the rules that the solvency of the person should be gone into? If a person is fully solvent and is capable of buying the property, then do the Government think it is proper? I would like to know him the plot. If it is sold to a person who is not at all solvent, then do the Government think it is proper? I would like to know whether proper investigations are made into the financial standing of the person before the plot is allotted to him?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, that is being done. We look into the capacity of the individual to pay. Sometimes people who do not have the capacity to buy the property apply for middle income group houses and then it shows that they want to profiteer out of this. We go into all these very carefully. There is a committee of five members who scrutinize the applications. But we can act only on the basis of the information furnished by the applicants and the members of the Committee.

Credit purchase of handloom fabrics

* 178 *Q.*—Sri G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any facility for credit purchase of handloom fabrics from co-operative institutions is available to teachers in aided schools; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) No.

(*b*) Credit sales were allowed to all Non-Gazetted Government Servants and employees of local bodies. But it was found that in cases of employees of Local Bodies, there were heavy arrears to be collected and several cases of impersonation. The concession granted to employees of local Bodies was, therefore, withdrawn. It is not possible to extend it to teachers of aided schools.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, now that the Government are to pay the teachers straight from their own funds cent per cent, may I know what difficulty there is in considering the proposal to extend the grant of this concession to the aided schools also?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : In the light of the changed circumstances, the matter may be again represented and Government will examine it.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the co-operative institutions have represented to the Government that there are huge arrears due from the non-gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Yes, Sir. We have received a number of representations saying that the arrears are mounting, and they represented that this concession may be stopped. But this being a great facility, we hope that the people who purchase cloth on instalment basis will realise the advantages and then pay regularly.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம்பிள்ளை : கன்னியாகுமரி மாவட்ட தனியார் பள்ளி ஆசிரியர்கள் அரசாங்கத்தால் நேரடியாக சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்படுகிறார்கள். அவர்களுக்கு இந்தச் சலுகை நீடிக்கும் படி செய்ய நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ?

கனம் திரு. ஆர். வெங்கட்டராமன் : இப்போது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படவில்லை. கனம் அங்கத்தினர் இந்த விதமான சலுகை அவர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க வேண்டுமென்று எழுதினால், சர்க்கார் இலாகா அதைப் பரிசீலனை செய்யும்.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the Government would give any guarantee to the co-operative institutions in respect of arrears from the non-gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There is no such proposal, Sir.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is there any proposal to recover the arrears overdue for a long time from the salary paid to the non-gazetted officers?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The problem has not become acute that much. If it becomes, then we have to consider various remedies.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : It was stated that the local body servants allowed arrears to accumulate. There had been arrears in respect of non-gazetted officers also. Why should a concession that was expressly given to the local body servants be withdrawn? Would that not be a reflection on the creditworthiness of those

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people? When there is a guarantee of the pay disbursing officer to recover the amounts and pay to the societies, why was this concession withdrawn in respect of these people alone?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, in the case of the Government servants also, there were defaults. But in the case of the local body servants, there was an additional handicap, namely, there were cases of impersonation. Therefore, the concession was stopped.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is it a fact that while the Government themselves have authorised the local bodies to grant this concession to their servants, the local bodies were reluctant to do so?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, provided the local bodies agree to pay the money to the societies, the concessions may be extended on their own responsibility.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Has there been any representation from the local body servants that this concession should not be cancelled? Simply because there have been a few cases of impersonation, is it proper to punish the entire body of local body servants?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the first consideration is security for the money. We find that the security for the money in the case of local body servants is rather poor, Therefore, it was stopped.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether they will extent the concession to the teachers if the managements of the aided institutions come forward to give the necessary security?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, it is a hypothetical question. The situation must arise and then Government will examine.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : How many cases of impersonation were there during the past one year?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A number of cases.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. Minister give us the number?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A separate question may be put. 5-10 p.m.

Distribution of electricity

* 179 *Q.*—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state the names of private licensees and the local authorities who distribute electricity and the areas under their control?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

a Printed as Appendix I on pages 63-66.